### RAMBLER'S NOTE BOOK.

Stray Leaves From the Diary of a Midwinter Week

The New Postoffice-Prospective Business Property-Which Will be the Business Streets of the Future?-A New Code of Weather Signals - Dramatic Honors Achteved by a Mem. ber of the Star and Crescent Society-Plowing in Kansas - The New Cotored Band Miscellaneous

Considerable grading has been done on the "fail lot," corner High and Spring, to prepare it for the government buildings. A

tunes made in real estate on Spring street, great lakes of the north to the orange on East High street, between Limestone groves of the south. and Spring streets, and West High, bethe fimits as described above and on Center up with stores as anything can be."

Any man who can read correctly the do resemble stories from the Arabian trend of a growing city has a sure fortune Nights (well, hardly that either, for it is because he will always know how to buy in advance of the progress of a city. The rapid advance of Springfield's population stance, one of the engines is now used to has made more business houses a necessity. run a shop at Clark Sintz's place in the The business of a city grows like a vast country, several miles from this city. vine, creeping along wherever it is easiest. engine is four-horse power, and yet it rerine, creeping along wherever it is easiest.

The greatest growth in the past three years has been out Main street, both ways. There has also been a slight growth on north Market, south Limestone and Washington gine of course has no boiler, all the presstreets. In the near future the greatest demand will be for business houses as near the center of the city as possible. This will create a boom in the property mentioned the content of the city as possible. This will gasolene vapor in the cylinder is ignited by means of an electric spark. This causes an "You don't thing a salary a start of course has no course, and no pressure as the motive power being developed in the cylinder. Capt. Sints aid the other day concerning it: "The gasolene vapor in the cylinder is ignited by "You don't thing a salary a salar above. In two years from the erection of the postoffice I think that east High street, from Limestone to Spring and Spring street, other end of the explosion, which drives the piston to the adjustment of the postoffice, will be built up solid with stores and business houses. A postoffice is a wonderful magnet to draw business into its vicinity. I believe that if the postoffice was built on a built on the other, which is forced to and from the other of the postoffice was built on a built on a first of the proposition. The causes an explosion, which drives the piston at the adaptive as all greatly distinguished, eighteen icontaining, inner to the first of the postoffice was built on a built on the other of the piston and then the postoffice was built on a built of the proposition to the other of the piston and then the postoffice was built on a built on the proposition of the piston and then the postoffice was built on a built of the proposition that the postoffice was built on a built on the proposition that the proposition the postoffice was built on a built on the proposition the postoffice was built on the proposition that the proposition the proposition that the proposition is the proposition that the proposition that the proposition is the proposition of the piston at the proposition was the proposition of the piston to the piston to the piston the piston to the proposition was business and postoffice was built on the proposition was the proposition to the proposition was the proposition to the proposition the a postoffice was built on a hill so steep as has just received an additional patent on to be surmouthed only by rope ladders the engine and will commence to manufacture. Now do this scoots away! An' yo' say she has children! Why how ele am de gai! She ams' be jass that the streets leading to it would be built ture them as soon as the plans are com-

Take the example of Cincinnati. When Two of joy from the Fifth streeters. A Cincinnative of joy from the post of joy sale old yerself."

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erty on Center, Washington and High

Many of our German fellow-citizens are preparing to make a pigrimage to the fatheriand next year in 1888, when the great World's Fair will be held at Berlin Germany will no doubt try to outdo all the world's fairs held in Europe during the world'

"If you want to get a cheap bicycle now is the time to get one," said an enthusiast on the sport yesterday. "In the winter there is any number of young fellows who would be glad to sell their machines for little more that half what they would de-mand for them in the summer. With mud-inches deep on the roads the joys of bieyeling look very far away, and many in the summer would gladly hail a plan of converting their steel steeds into sleigh and opera tickets in the winter."

"How is Cedarville, Mr. R. H. Young? Does prohibition really prohibit just a present in the awful solitudes of the cedar 'No, sir. I am sorry to say that it does

not. There are still three places in the town where liquor con be obtained."

"Why, how is that." I thought that Cedarville always enjoyed the extraordinary coincidence of a powder mill explosion just

about the time that a saloon opened."

"Well, these three places are not regular saloons. They exist under the 'agency clause' of the Dow law. There are three agents of brewing companies in Springfield. Columbus and Cincinnati. They sell liquor by the jug and in wholesale quanti ties. In my opinion the system is as bad as regular saloons."

Dr. T. M. Reade, the genial physician. said the other day: "It is not generally known that eating celery is one of the besmeans of quieting and soothing the nervewhich exists. The well-known patent medicine, Celerine, is derived from the

remedy in his own case, and has great faith in the "celery grab" for nervousness.

"It is wonderful how rapidly young actors and actresses of talent get to the front," said a veteran theater-goer of this Crowell and Kirkpatrick, of this city. It is front," said a veteran theater-goer of this city. "Take the example of Mrs. Netth Van Sickle, of this city. As Miss Netthe Flack she went through the Springfield. The weather this wint that to the unbapter resider. Cincinnati. A theatrical manager from that city came to Springfield and engaged tempered. her to fill leading roles in his company Here at one bound, without preliminary training, she reached the difficult and im portant position of leading lady, the posin next to that of the highest in the ience in this position: "I had studied elo—United States, as wonderful examples of scution and thought 1—had learned the first—the efficacy of the medicine. principles at least of the dramatic art. 1 imagined that the work would be similar to If the B. & O. telegraph company open

ence was of great benefit to me. Our company traveled through Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia and other states, and finally disbanded. I was offered another engage—of course suggests the hare and the many in a bury traveled to a many in a bury traveled to many people about town the which pull the street-cars are known to be suggested to a many people about town the which pull the street-cars are known to company the street cars are known to company to co banded. I was offered another engage-ment, but decided to rest during the re-fable, and to a man in a hurry trying to

mainder of the season."
That was last season. This season Mrs. Van Sickle has received the extraordinary came out first. honor of being engaged as leading lady of Frank Mayo's company to play in Nordeck. Mayo is one of the most noted the next few days," said a Springfield lady stars on the road and the position of leaddifficulty in getting a first-class engagement bereafter. Mayo is one of the critical actors on the road and to be able to fill sat- said the wife. isfactorily the position as his leading lady shows that Mrs. Van Siekle possesses dra-

matic genius of a high order.

We shall not doubt see her name herald-nal. we shall not doubt see her hame herale seed forth as a star within a few years. In less than three years to conquer a leading position for hgrself in the dramatic world shows one of the most remarkable examples of the most prepare it for the government buildings. A shows one of the most remarkable examples of rapid advancement in the history of the remarkable examples of rapid advancement in the history of doubtless soon have a new code of signals or a hoe."

"When the government building and city
buildings are erected the business of the
city will be concentrated in the squares city will be concentrated in the squares bounded by Main, Spring, Washington and Crescent society imagined that within a few years the tones of her voice would delight hundreds of audiences from the creat lakes of the north to the country.

ture of gas engines will in time assume an importance in this city hardly second to customer, hence he frequently makes misfrom Main to Washington. There is quite that of any branch of manufacturing now a scramble for property on the squares carried on here. The local press has conmentioned above. They are just as sure to become business property and to be built the public in general do not seem to have a very clear idea of the nature of the invention. The stories of what the engine can pres- grown.

Take the example of Cincinnati. When It was learned that the new postoffice there was to be erected on Fifth street, instead of Fourth, a wild howl went up from property owners on Fourth street and a shout erty owners on Fourth street and a shout Sintz's place to inspect the engine. The of joy from the Fifth streeters. A Cincin-one now in operation runs a drill and sev-

same on real estate values.

The day when it was announced that the new postoffice was to be built at High and Spring streets, the value of property well as present indications predict, Springin the vicinity popped up to a pretty tall field will enjoy a boom by its manufacture. figure. The market house scheme has manufacturing the similar advance in adjoining propulation of the similar advance in adjoi

only direct for Berlin, thus givin t usands of Germans in Ohio an opportunitto visit their native land. If this is donmost of the Germans in Springheld would
probably attend the World's Fair.

Mr. John H. Radelff, the well-known
free, foah, five, six, seben, eight—Jar, 108
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ince fresh egg.—jess nine dozen, and here
one year with Sells Brothers, has worked
up quite a good brass band out of the colored musical talent of this city. The band

Old Mose went on his way rejoicing. A
don't come round the mill like they

John H. Radcliff, / leaders and Wesley Farrel, | cornets, Adam Sparks, tuba.

- Harnika, tenor. Will. Lewis, baritone Reuben Warren, second tenor. T. E. Riggs, first alto. J. H. Clarke, bass drum.

Frank Farrel, tenor drum. Another alto player is expected from Coimbus and the band will then be complete, shearsals are held three times per week. It is said that the band has been engaged travel with Robinson's show next season and is busy preparing for the work.

With the magnificent market-house imrovement, an esplanade and fountain on these improvements, the Market square will resemble one of the splendid public squares world in European cities. It would be supposed murierous artilleryman and bring worth several thousand dollars to Spring him into the back yard, where they would field as an advertisement.

Mr. August Foster, a pianist from Dresden, is the latest addition to Springfield he did. The rest of the novel cure for delirmusical circles.

Why can't we have incandescent electric The only incandescent electric lights in that there was his man lying thers, and to this city are in a show window, corner of take the saw and aw him in two. Brown Limestone and High streets.

medicine, Celerine, is derived from the celery plant, but the stalks of the plant itself are much better."

Mr. Necessity. "What do you call him necessity for?" is the invariable query of the too rolled off Brown in terrents. The cessity for?" is the invariable query of the whisky was working out of his system and those whom he is talking with. "Why.

high school, and appeared on a few occasions in public in connection with a x reises of the Star and Crescent society as a reader of manufacture into steel. One day we seemt society as a reader

She appeared two-or are plunged into midsummer warmth, and sound sleep, from which it is likely be will three times in a leading part in the Color while at a white heat we are precipitated awake feeling natural, and with a fine ap-Guard, the Drummer Boy and other amateur plays. Her success in these was so great that her reputation reached as far as gone, for, from all I can see, the weather

Three citizens of Springfield are in a fair way to gain a national reputation. In an evil hour they sent three well written testimonials in praise of a rheumatism medicine theatrical profession-that of a star. In to the proprietor, and since that time their her own words she says of her first exper- names have been blazoned all over the

my recitations and amateur performances an office here, is is highly probable that But I soon found my mistake. After the either they or the Western Union will have first rehearsal the manager very frankly an operator on duty all night, instead of informed me that I would have to unlearn having the instruments cease their cackling all I had already learned and commence at about the same hour as the chickens do. from the very bottom. My constant aim in For the past few mouths at the Western the future, he told me, must be to be perfeetly natural and unartificial. In this has stale to send a dispatch after 10 p.m. the highest art. It is the greatest art to How's that for a city of 35,000 inhabitants? conceal art. His suggestions were invaluable to me. I applied myself diligently night is like a man who has settled down to to learning the dramatic art, playing my a good night's rest on half a pint of mor-part as leading lady nightly. This experi-

To many people about town the mules get somewhere in a street car, the idea ir-resistibly presents itself that the tortoise

"Wonder what the weather will be in

"How in the world do you know that?"

"Why by the signal of course," was the

### SHE HEARD THEM COUNTED.

the "Jess Nine Dozen" and One More in Case "Pse Discounted Myself."

Texas Siftings. Old Mose, who sells eggs ami chickens on the treets of Austin for a living, is as hon"Now, mother, don't worry"—an tween Market and Center streets, on Washington street, both east and west, within the streets of Austin for a living, is a hon-live street, both east and west, within the streets of Austin for a living, is a hon-live street, both east and west, within the streets of Austin for a living, is a hon-live street, both east and west, within the streets of Austin for a living, is a hon-live street, both east and west, within the streets of Austin for a living, is a hon-live street, both east and west, within the streets of Austin for a living, is a hon-live street, both east and west, within the streets of Austin for a living, is a hon-live street, both east and west, within the streets of Austin for a living, is a hon-live street, both east and west, within the streets of Austin for a living, is a hon-live street, both east and west, within the streets of Austin for a living, is a hon-live street, but he streets of Austin for a living, is a hon-live street, but he streets of Austin for a living, is a hon-live street, but he streets of Austin for a living, is a hon-live street, but he streets of Austin for a living, is a hon-live street, but he streets of Austin for a living, is a hon-live street, but he streets of Austin for a living, is a hon-live street, and the streets of Austin for a living, is a hon-live street, and the streets of Austin for a living, is a hon-live street, and the streets of Austin for a living, is a hon-live street, and the streets of Austin for a living, is a hon-live street, and the streets of Austin for a living, is a hon-live street, and the streets of Austin for a living, is a hon-live street, and the streets of Austin for a living, is a hon-live street, and the streets of Austin for a living, is a hon-live street, and the streets of Austin for a living, is a hon-live street. in front of the residence of Mrs. Samuel life. The old lady her elf came out to

from the kentry."
"Are they fresh!"

"I gua'antee 'em. I knows dey am fresh ss de same as ef I had laid 'em myself."

"Til take nine dozen. You can just count

"All right, mum." He counts, "One, two, free foah, five, six, seben, eight, nine ten. You kin rely on dem bein' fresh. How's your son comin' on at de school! He mus' be mos'

Yes, Uncle Mose; he is a clerk in a bank "How ole am de boyf"

"You don't tole me so. Eighteen and get-

"Thirty-three."

There is a probability that an attempt will be about the same on real estate values.

The day when it was announced that he new postoffice was to be built at High and Spring.

You comes from an ole family. When your fodder died be was 70 years ole." "Seventy-two,"
"Dat's old, such. Sebenty-two, sebentyfree, sebenty-foah, sebenty-five, sebenty-six, sebenty-seben, sebenty-eight sebenty-line-

ored musical talent of this city. The band Old Mose went on his way rejoicing. A consists of the following membership:

"I am afraid we will have to discharge Matilda. I am satisfied she steals the milk I am positive about the eggs, for and eggs. I bought them day before vesterday, and now about half of them are gone. I stood right there and heard Old Mose count them myself, and there were nine dozen."

Novel Cure for Delirium Tremens. New York Graphic

Justice H. C. Casey, of Tompkinsville, L. was seated in his office the other evening when a man who said his name was came in and stated that he wanted an o'ficer to arrest another man who was con-stantly following him about with a shotrun and threatening murder. Squire Casev not a desperate case. The squire turned to Constable McVey, who was in the room, saw him in two. Constable McVey was told quietly by the justice to go out in the yard and fix some wood in the sawbuck, which ium tremens was toll by the justice.

"I had just got in a full cord of unsplit Why can't we have incandescent electric lights in Springfield? Of all lights yet inthe sawbuck and led the shivering Mr. Brown out to it. McVey told the fellow went at the task with a will. When he had got through one log he was given another A certain young man of this city invari-one, the constable remarking as he adjusted

who has taken so much that he has the "hor-rors" must work out a good deal before he stand by, and myself and neighbors, who had been watching the novel cure, went to The weather this winter conveys the bed at midnight with Brown still hard at

Almost all the original Harper family and many of their sons and grandsons were named after the Wesley family; and the third generation of the Harper Brothers got considerably mixed up. There was, for instance, the original Wesley, who had a son named Joseph Wesley, and Joseph Wesley, Fletcher's son, had himself a son named Joseph Henry. It used to be difficult to distinguish them in the house where they all were employed, and they gradually became to be known as "Mr. Joseph W." (for the original), "Joe Brook-lyn" (for his son), "Joe 22d" (for the just deceased man) and "Joe Henry" (for his stone and shouted to his companions for son). There were several Johns, who help, were designated "Colonel John," "the Bu Colonel's John" and "Fifth Avenue a lon or more surviving male members of the firm, and each has been reared in the house in some capacity until he is familiar to tell them. They were terribly shocked with the minutest details of the vast busi- and gathered about the dead horse, utterness.-New York Cor. Chicago Herald.

## WHAT CAME OF IT.

Stuart Willard was a kind hearted boy, frank, generous, honest and truthful, but so lazy that his mother despaired of ever seeing him amount to anything. She was a widow, with no one to help her train her son, and neither advice, expostulation nor argument had any effect upon him. He studied no more than was absolutely necessary to enable him to keep up with stars on the road and the position of leading lady in his company will give Mrs. Van Sickle a permanent fame and position in the dramatic world of this country. After the dramatic world of this country. After the mometer, with rain and slussh for filling this position she will never have any difficulty in getting a first-class engagement difficulty in getting a first-class engagement. vented him from ever shirking his regular duties, such as milking the cow, cutting wood and bringing water. But he stared reply.

Signal! But I don't see a sign of a signature charge of the garden, should take entire charge of the garden. devoting to it his time before and after "You don't? Look right over there in school hours, thus saving the expense of

> Oh, mother, I never could," he said: "the weeds would be higher than my head

> "You're no hand at anything as far as I can see," said his mother. "There will have to be a radical change in you, Stuart, if you expect ever to win money or

position."
"I don't know that I care for either," answered Stuart. "In not one of the pushing kind. A qui, t life suits me best." "And you'll be content to see all your

"There'll have to be a miracle worked. takes in counting out the eggs they buy. then," said Mrs. Willard, sighing "Laziness is the one fault of your character, Stuart, and it will keep you down all your

Though averse to exertion of any kind the gate to make the purchase.

"Have you got any eggs this morning.
Uncle Mose!" she a-ked.

"Yes, indeed I has. Jess got in ten dozen
of the right or wrong of the good time. pentance was too late to be of any avail, of the right or wrong of the good time. And he had three particular friends who, in boy parlance, "never stuck at any-thing" when there was fun ahead. They all considered old Simon Pfeffer,

the richest man in Westville, fair game, for it was well known that he hated anything in the shape of a boy, and never spoke to or looked at one, little or big, without growling like the rough old bear he was believed to be.

He was an old bachelor, and lived with a housekeeper and half a dozen servants in a handsome house in the suburbs of the town, and he might have thoroughly enjoyed his large grounds, fine orchards, and well bred live stock but for the boys of the town, who mischievously his cows, stole his fruit, fished in his trout pond, broke down his fences, left his gates open, and made themselves generally ob-

The culprits always managed in some way to escape detection. Well did they know the terrible example that would be made of the first boy old Simon caught. He openly declared that he would show no mercy, and would know how to deal with the offender.

We never know how our most trifling impulses, if acted upon, may affect the lives of others. When Ben Hopper stopped one May evening at the gate of the little cottage in which Stuart lived and asked if he didn't want to go out to the old mill on the Creek road to hunt squirrels, no intuition told him that he was doing son nething. which was to lead to an event that would influence all the rest of Stuart's life.

Stuart accepted the invitation, of course and on their way out of town the boys were joined by Tom Halpine and Luke Wright, who were quite as fond of squirrel hunting as were Stuart and Ben. For at least half a mile after leaving the

town the Creek road was bounded on one side by a pasture belonging to Mr. Pfeffer, and so generously did it abound with chestnut, persimmon and crab apple trees that the boys of the town were familiar with every rod of it.

But it was not the season now for chest-Mr. I. J. Price of this city who has just and your mudder! She was one of the lowing to Harper county, Kansas, has just minds me ob her so much. She libbed to

The brown horse had probably been

feeling lonely and was glad of company, for he made no objection whatever when Stuart let down a pair of bars, and, going up to him took hold of his forelock and led im into the road.

But he objected very vigorously to having four boys on his back at one time. and kicked and careened around until he succeeded in ridding himself of all four of

"We'll have to take turns riding," said Ben Hopper. "Each fellow can a as the bridge and then turn back "Each fellow can go as far They had made a bridle out of a rope

uart had in his pocket and a piece wood they picked up on the road, and the horse allowed himself to be guided very easily. He seemed spirited but very Market square. Springfield will show up saw at once that Mr. Brown was in a wild easily. He seemed spirited but very magnificently to railroad travelers. With

The boys acted on Ben's suggestion and which challenge the admiration of the and ordered him to go out and arrest the took turns at trying the animal's paces, world in European cities. It would be supposed murierous artilleryman and bring enjoying themselves so much that they were loath to end the sport when it began to grow dark. "I must have one more ride, and then I

will be even with the rest of you and we can go home," said Stuart, as Luke came trotting up and swung himself from the "Wouldn't old Simon be in a rage if he

should happen along now," said Tom, as he helped Stuart to mount. "This is about the best fun he ever furnished us," laughed Stuart, as he rode

away "and he'll never be any the wiser He went clattering up the road at a good pace and the bridge—a rough log structure—was reached all too soon. "I guess I'll go a little further," he

thought. There's no telling when I'll get another ride and I'd better make the most of this." further than he intended, for half way across the bridge the horse suddenly stopped, gave a wild snort of terror and egen to back. Stuart saw that the aninal was frightened by an old tree which, plasted by lightning and deprived of its ark, stood at the other end of the bridge ike a ghostly sentinel, looking almost ow white in the uncertain light; but, maccustomed to horses, he did not know what to do, and in his alarm and excitement pulled too hard on one rein. The horse reared, gave a wild whirl and the

next instant went plun ing over the side of the bridge into the gulch, nearly thirty feet below. Strange to say, Stuart escaped serious injury, being only stunned and bruised by the fall, and at the expiration of a lew minutes was able to get up from the bed of mud into which he had fallen. But the handsome brown home did not move; he lay among the weeds and stones with a

broken neck Stuart could not believe at first that the animal was dead; it seemed too horrible to be true. But all his efforts to rouse

But his : houts were so faint that it was 's John' and "Fifth Avenue a long time before they were answered.

There are something like a dozen Then the boys came running up frightened at his long absence, but utterly unprepared for the dreadful news Stuart had ing many expressions of dismay and

## "I don't know how I shall ever tell old

Simon," ground Stuart. "Boys, he'll every detail of the business just about kill me." It was very hard at first. "Tell bim!" exclaimed Tom Halpine, "You're surely not going to be such a fool! What's the use of telling him? We'll take away the bridge, and the old fellow will never know but that the horse jumped the fence and fell over here by himself "It wouldn't be right to let him think that," returned Stuart. "No, I've got to

you. There's no need of it that I can 'And I can't see that there is anything

What's the use of being such a saint, Stuart "I don't pretend to be a saint," an-

minute. It's all I can do."

"O, you'll think better of it," said Luke. as he removed the rope bridle from the neck of the dead horse. "A night's sleep

among the weeds and stones below the bridge, and when morning came it found his resolution unchanged. He was, as ha had said, no coward, and he intended to confess what he had done irrespective of

ne consequences.

That Mr. Pieffer would be very severe, he did not doubt for a moment. Perhaps are, and confessed that you had killed my the old man would give him a terrible horse, I made up my mind that you were thrashing or put him in jail. He was sure the boy I needed here. It was worth more to mete out a punishment equal to the offense, and Stuart knew the offense was truth and honesty I could rely implicitly.

very great.

He looked so white and haggard when he came down stairs at G o'clock that his other uttered an exclumation of alarm. "You're sick, Stuart," she said; "you can go straight back to bed. I'll attend to the Of con But Stuart shook his head and went out

to the stable to attend to the cow himself.

He had not told his mother about his mis-

fortune, for he did not want to worry her. That she might not suspect that some-thing had occurred to trouble him, he tried to eat his usual allowance of griddle cakes | solition of honor and trust. at breakfast, but every mouthful seemed

to choke him, and he had to give up the attempt in despair.

As soon as he rose from the table he put on his hat and went out, despite his mother's prophecy that the sun would make him feel worse, and turned his steps Cleansed. Purified and Beautifie at once in the direction of Mr. Pieffer's beautiful suburban residence.

beautiful suburban residence.

He had prepared a little speech with which he intended to begin his confession, but every word of it fled from his mind when he entered Mr. Pieffer's grounds and saw the old gentleman standing only half a dozen yards away, an angry look on his face, and his eyes glaring at a young negro who stood before him, looking sullen and who stood before him, looking sullen and defiant.

"You needn't deny it, sir," were the first words Stuart heard. "I wouldn't first words Stuart heard. "I woman't believe you on oath. You're the dullest fellow I ever had about my stables, but I did think you had sense enough to put the bars up when you turned a valuable horse like that out to pasture. You're discharged, and you needn't ask for a recompendation, for I won't give it!"

I have suffered all my life with skin diseases of different kinds, and have never found permanent relief, until, by the advice of a lady fained, I used your valuable Curicus a Resolvent. I woo boxes of the Curicus and seven cakes of curicus a Soar, and the result was just what I had been told it would be a complete curi like that out to pasture. You're dis-charged, and you needn't ask for a recom-mendation, for I won't give it."

mendation, for I won't give it!"

With a heart that seemed like a lump of lead in his breast, and hesitating footsteps, Stuart approached the anary pair.

and the result was just what I had been told it would be a complete care.

BELLE WADE, Richmond, Va.

Reference, G. W. Latimer, Druggist, Richmond, Va. steps, Stuart approached the angry pair.
"Mr. Pieffer," he said in a low, shaken

voice, "I want to speak to you, sir."
"Well, speak, and be quick about it,"
was the rough rejoinder. "You want "Well, speak, and be quick about it,"
was the rough rejoinder. "You want
work, I suppose, and big wages. You
may as well leave; I haven't any work for
you."

"No sir: I don't want work," stam"No sir: I don't want work," stam-"No, sir; I don't want work," stammered poor Stuart. "I want to tell you

that I took your horse out of the pasture -and-it got frightened and fell over the to Stuart in his agony of suspense, the old gentleman stared at him is utter silence,

his face fairly purple with rage.
'You—you young reprobate?" he ex-claimed at last. "You ought to be shot." "Yes, sir, I know it," answered Stuart. "i was never so sorry for anything in all ray life as I am for this. But we only wanted to have a little fun and never thought of hurting the horse."

"You were not alone, then?" said Mr. "No, sir." "Who were the others"

"There's no use in telling that, sir," an swered Stuart, true to the promise of secrecy he had made. "I was the one who was on the horse when he fell over the bridge, and it was all my fault. I ought give better satisfaction.
C. F. ATHERTON, Druggist, Albany, N. Y. not to have tried to cross the bridge might have known he would be fright-

ened at that old tree."

The angry flush left Mr. Pieffer's face. and a very peculiar look came into his keen gray eyes. "Nevertheless, von had better tell me

the names of the boys who were with you," he said. "It will be wise for you to But the covert threat contained in thes

last words did not cause Stuart to waver an instant. He was very generous, as well as brave. "I told the boys I wouldn't, sir," he an-

swered respectfully. "They didn't offer to come with you, I There was no need of it." "Well, I am to look only to you to pay

ne for my horse?" Pay him! Stuart stared at the old gentleman aghast. The thought of paying for the horse had never entered his mind. He knew payment was out of the ques-tion. He had not a dollar of his own in the world, and it was only by the strictest economy that his mother managed to make

her small income cover their necessary expenses; they did not indulge in luxuries of "That horse was a thoroughbred." contiound Mr. Pieffer, his keen eyes still fixed on the boy's white, distressed face. paid \$600 for him the day before you broke

ins neck. "Six hundred dollars!" gasged poor Stuart, his face growing whiter still. "Oh, Mr. Pieffer!"

"I can show you the receipt for the money, if you want to see it. I have it ' tapping his breast pocket. "Costly fun you had, eh?" Stuart tried to speak, but his tongue love to the roof of his mouth.

"You have any money, I suppose?" Mr. Pieffer No. sir, not a dollar." "You must work it out, then. Are you villing to do that?"
"Oh, yes, sir," cried Stuart, the color coming back to his face. "I'd be glad to do anything to pay you."

"Very well; report to me to-morrow orning at my factory. I'll see what I can do for you. Mr. Pieffer turned away, and without another word went into the house and

closed the door. With a feeling of profound relief Stuart went home and told his mother all about that piece of costly fun, its tragic ending and the bargain he had made.

"Mr. Pieffer it a man to get the worth of the horse out of you before he lets you go," was Mrs. Willard's first comment, but you did only what was right in going straight to him with the whole story, my son. It must have required a great deal of courage, and I am proud of you. Stuart was deeply touched by his

mother's praise, and the consciousness that he deserved it made him almost happy again, in spite of the load on his heart. It was a load that grew less with every day, for he soon became very useful in the factory, and as he wrote a good hand and was quick at figures, he was put into the

omce and taught now to keep books and invoice goods. In this way he isarned

It was very hard at first, of course, for Stuart's great fault stood in the way of his progress. But no one could be very lazy where Mr. Pieffer was, he was such an energetic, industrious man himself, and he seemed to take a peculiar pleasure in push-

ing Stuart along.
Stuart ascribed this at first to malice and a desire for revenge. But he thought different when he knew Mr. Pieffer better. "And bring all the rest or us made ass, too, I suppose," said Ben Hopper.
"No; I'll promise not to mention any of us. There's no need of it that I can us the virtues of truth, sincerity and manliness. It was two years before the subject of the su "And bring all the rest of us into the He found out that a kind heart beat under

to be gained by telling Pieffer," said Luke mentioned between them. Then one day "It won't bring the horse to life again. Mr. Pieffer called the young man into his private office. "I've been expecting for some time that

you would speak to me about that \$600 you owe me, Willard," said he, "but you "I don't pretend to be a saint, and swered Stuart, "but I'm not a coward. I shall tell Pieffer if he kills me the next have not mentioned it."
"I felt sure you would tell me when I "I felt sure you would tell me when I had worked it out, sir," replied Willard.
"If I say I consider the debt paid now

you will be wanting to leave me, I supwill cool you off."

But the night brought no sleep to Stuart, so formented was he by thoughts of the beautiful brown horse lying dead

see Wanting to leave he, I suppose, "said Mr Pieffer.

"Not if you want me to stay, sir. I shall not go to school again. I am 18 years old and it is time I began to help my

mother. I'll stay here if you want me to Mr. Pieffer gave a short laugh. "That's modest, Willard, when you know as well as I do that I couldn't get

along without you now. The day you came to me like the brave, honest boy If you will stay with me, allow you a good salary from this day for ward and there'll be an excellent chance of promotion to something a good deal

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